(c) whether Foreign Investment Board has given its clearance to the proposed joint venture between Tata and Singapore Company to be taken up under this policy;

(d) whether it is also a fact that double standards are being adopted in the operation of foreign aviation companies in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The policy on domestic air transport service approved in 1997 has been implemented, Salient features of the said policy are:

(i) Foreign equity upto 40% and NRI/OCB investment upto 100%.

(ii) Equity from foreign airlines, however, not allowed, directly or indirectly.

(iii) Barriers of entry and exit removed.

(iv) Choice of airraft type and size left to the operator.

(c) On 1st September 1998, M/s. Tata Industries of its own withdrew its proposal of December 1997.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Negligence of Runway Development by AAI

643. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AAI is concentrating much on peripheral infrastructure development projects and not devoting enough attention to the task of improving runways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the length at runway 27 at the Delhi airport is not only less than runway 28 but its surface is also rough and it is congested as well; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to end this kind of situations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The works relating to strengthening and extension of runways as well as construction of passenger terminal and allied facilities are taken up simultaneously as per the operational requirements.

(c) and (d) The runway 10/28 is the main runway and 27 is the secondary runway. Since the main runway is primarily used, its length is more. However, runway 27 is being resurfaced as it was due for resurfacing.

Upgradation of Flight Information Display System

644. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AAI proposes to upgrade the outdated flight information display system at five major airfields; and

(b) if so, the details of this plan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Modern flight information display systems have been provided at Terminals IA and II of Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIAP), Delhi, Terminal II of Mumbai airport and terminal at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (NSCBIAP) Calcutta. The same will be upgraded by 2000-2001 at Terminal I-B of IGIAP, terminals IA and IB of Mumbai airport and at Domestic and International Terminals at Chennai airport.

Corruption in Commercial Wing of AI

645. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India is losing crores of rupees due to large scale corruption in the commercial wing;

(b) if so, whether Government have received spate of representations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;